

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of the Claims:

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1. (Original) A method, comprising:
 - receiving search criteria entered by a user;
 - performing a single search on a plurality of databases for data records matching the search criteria; and
 - generating search results comprising of the data records matching the received search criteria.
 2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein receiving search criteria further comprises receiving at least one search category.
 3. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein receiving search criteria further comprises receiving at least one search keyword.
 4. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
 - passing the received search criteria to a Virtual Business Component (VBC) if the user requested the single search to be performed on at least one external database.

5. (Original) The method of claim 4, further comprising:
passing the received search criteria from the Virtual Business Component to
a search execution business service.
6. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein searching the database further comprises:
using a search execution business service to search the plurality of databases
for data records matching the search criteria.
7. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
sending the search results to a frame so that the search results can be listed
on a user interface.
8. (Original) The method of claim 7, further comprising:
displaying content of a search result selected from the search results listed on
the user interface.
9. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein performing the single search further
comprises:
searching at least one attached document for data records matching the
search criteria.

10. (Original) A method, comprising:
- receiving a search category and a search keyword entered by a user;
 - performing a single search on at least one database and at least one attached document for data records matching the search category and the search keyword;
 - and
 - generating search results comprising of the data records matching the search category and the search keyword.
11. (Original) The method of claim 10, further comprising:
- passing the received search category and the search keyword to a Virtual Business Component (VBC) if the user requested the single search to be performed on at least one external database.
12. (Original) The method of claim 11, further comprising:
- passing the received search category and the search keyword from the Virtual Business Component to a search execution business service.
13. (Original) The method of claim 10, wherein searching the database further comprises:
- using a search execution business service to search the at least one database and the at least one attached document for data records matching the search criteria.
14. (Original) The method of claim 10, further comprising:

sending the search results to a frame so that the search results can be listed on a user interface.

15. (Original) The method of claim 14, further comprising:

displaying content of a search result selected from the search results listed on the user interface.

16. (Original) A system, comprising:

a user interface to receive search criteria entered by a user;

a Virtual Business Component (VBC) to receive the search criteria from the user interface if the user requested a search on at least one external database;

a business service to receive the search criteria from the Virtual Business Component, to perform a single search on at least one database and at least one attached document for data records matching the search criteria, and to generate search results comprising of the data records matching the received search criteria.

17. (Original) The system of claim 16, wherein the search criteria comprises at least one search category.

18. (Original) The system of claim 16, wherein the search criteria comprises at least one search keyword.

19. (Original) The system of claim 16, wherein the business service sends the search results to the user interface so that the search results can be listed on the user interface.

20. (Original) The system of claim 19, wherein the business service sends the search results to the user interface displays a search result selected from the search results listed on the user interface.

21. (Original) A system, comprising:

a user interface to receive search criteria entered by a user;

a Virtual Business Component (VBC) to receive the search criteria from the user interface if the user requested a search on at least one external database;

a business service to receive the search criteria from the Virtual Business Component and to perform a single search on a plurality of databases for data records matching the search criteria.

22. (Original) The system of claim 21, wherein the search criteria comprises at least one search category.

23. (Original) The system of claim 21, wherein the search criteria comprises at least one search keyword.

24. (Original) The system of claim 21, further comprising:

a search adapter to adapt to a selected search engine and to generate search results comprising of the data records matching the received search criteria.

25. (Original) The system of claim 21, wherein the business service sends sending the search results to a search frame so that the search results can be listed on the user interface.

26. (Original) The system of claim 21, wherein the business service performs the single search on at least one attached document for data records matching the search criteria.

27. (Currently amended) A machine-readable medium comprising instructions which, when executed by a machine, cause the machine to perform operations comprising:

receiving search criteria entered by a user;

~~searching a database for data records matching the search criteria; and~~

performing a single search on a plurality of databases for data records matching the search criteria; and

generating search results comprising of the data records matching the received search criteria.

31 28. (Original) The machine-readable medium of claim 27, wherein receiving search criteria further comprises receiving at least one search category and at least one search keyword.

29. (Original) The machine-readable medium of claim 27, further comprising:

sending the search results to a search frame so that the search results can be listed on a user interface.

30. (Original) The machine-readable medium of claim 29, further comprising:

displaying in a content area frame a search result selected from the search results listed on the user interface.